

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The bill (S. 253), as amended, was passed.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARIES OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 198, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 198) commemorating the 150th anniversaries of the ratification of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, often referred to as the "Second Founding" of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on September 17, 1787, George Washington, James Madison, and their fellow framers made the momentous decision to sign the Constitution and send it along to the American people for ratification—marking a new beginning in our Nation's profound experiment in democracy.

While the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 established the firm foundation for our democracy, it was not complete because it did not address the vexing issue of slavery. It would take more than seven decades and a bloody civil war before our founding charter would right that wrong.

This year marks the sesquicentennial, or the 150th anniversary, of the Thirteenth Amendment, which, along with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, has been described by scholars as our Nation's "Second Founding." Ratified by President Lincoln and his generation after the Civil War, these second founding amendments transformed our original charter by ending slavery, banning racial discrimination in voting, and elevating liberty and equality to a central place in our constitutional order. While we rightly celebrate our original founding charter, we have often overlooked the importance of these subsequent amendments, which has served as the bedrock and inspiration to procuring equality for racial minorities and women.

On January 31, 1865, Congress passed the Thirteenth Amendment to end slavery and sent it to the States for ratification. Passage of that amendment was by no means an easy feat. As brilliantly captured by Steven Spielberg in his film "Lincoln," the final vote was every bit as dramatic as the film's portrayal. Doris Kearns Goodwin's award-winning book, "Team of Rivals," noted that before this his-

toric vote: "Every available foot of space, both in the galleries and on the floor of the House, was crowded at an early hour," and the attendees included Chief Justice Chase and the members of the Supreme Court, along with Secretary of State William Seward.

Without the support of five Democrats who became the swing votes, the amendment would never have passed. One Pennsylvania congressman, knowing that his vote could very well cost him his seat, said right before he cast his vote that "If by my action today I dig my political grave, I will descend into it without a murmur." I am proud to say that both of Vermont's Senators voted in favor of the amendment, including Senator Solomon Foot, who served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Civil War, and Senator Jacob Collamer, who was called the "Green Mountain Socrates" by Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts. Upon the amendment's passage, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton ordered 100 guns to fire with their heaviest charges while the names of those who voted in favor of the amendment were read aloud because "History [would] embalm them in great honor."

Upon passage, President Lincoln received praise from even his most ardent critics, including the prominent abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, who once burned a copy of the Constitution while calling it a proslavery document.

While this year marks the 150th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, we should celebrate the second founding amendments together, for they are inextricably bound. The Fourteenth Amendment, passed in 1866 and ratified in 1868, is perhaps the single most influential amendment passed after the Bill of Rights. This week also marks the 149th anniversary of the passage of the 14th Amendment in the Senate. It was under the command of the Fourteenth Amendment providing equal protection for all citizens that the Supreme Court held that separate was inherently unequal in *Brown v. Board of Education*; that marriage is a fundamental right that cannot be tainted with racial discrimination in *Loving v. Virginia*; that women could not be denied admission into an all-male military institute because of their gender in *United States v. Virginia*; and many others, including hopefully, that the fundamental right to marriage extends to all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

Ratification of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments cannot be separated from the Fifteenth, which outlawed racial discrimination in voting. In 1865, one month after the end of the Civil War, William Lloyd Garrison called for disbanding an anti-slavery society of which Frederick Douglass and others were members. Prescient as ever, and about 100 years before the

passage of the Voting Rights Act, Frederick Douglass responded that "Slavery is not abolished until the black man has the ballot."

As we celebrate the second founding amendments, we must also take time to recognize that issues of race continue to plague our Nation. And as far as we have come, we still have a lot further to go in our march toward a more perfect union. There are some who would confine the fight for civil rights to a bygone era. They see it as a remnant of the distant past in our Nation's history. And they cite the election of an African American president as evidence that we have somehow achieved full equality under the law. But we know the struggle for equality and for civil rights is ongoing. The fight for a more perfect union is one that every generation must contribute to—including this one.

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 198) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 11; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that the time be equally divided in the usual form; finally, that following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1735.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:16 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CAROLYN PATRICIA ALSUP, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA.

PAUL WAYNE JONES, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND.

DANIEL H. RUBINSTEIN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

MAURA BARRY BOYLE, OF NEW YORK
PETER C. TRENCHARD, OF MARYLAND

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

BRADLEY DUANE ARSENAULT, OF FLORIDA
BRET THOMAS CAMPBELL, OF TEXAS
KAREN STONE EXEL, OF CALIFORNIA
GLORIA JEAN GARLAND, OF CALIFORNIA
MICHAEL H. HRYSHCHYSHYN, JR., OF VIRGINIA
YING X. HSU, OF CALIFORNIA
STEPHEN S. KELLEY, OF VIRGINIA
MARY CATHERINE LEHERR, OF VIRGINIA
DENISE G. MANNING, OF VIRGINIA
PAUL KARLIS MARKOV, OF MICHIGAN
SCOTT CURRIE MCNIVEN, OF ARIZONA
HANH NGOC NGUYEN, OF CALIFORNIA
DENISE FRANCES O'TOOLE, OF MAINE
MARISOL E. PEREZ, OF NEW JERSEY
RONALD F. SAVAGE, OF NEW MEXICO
ADAM P. SCHMIDT, OF CONNECTICUT
ANNA TONESS, OF TEXAS
MICHAEL J. TORREANO, OF FLORIDA
NICHOLAS JOHN VIVIO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JAMSHED ZUBERI, OF CALIFORNIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ELISA RACHEL ADELMAN, OF CALIFORNIA
REID HARMON AHL, OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUDE EDMUND AIDOO II, OF MARYLAND
NABIL KHALED ALSOUFI, OF CALIFORNIA
LYLA J. ANDREWS BASHAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CARRIE KRISTIN ANTAL, OF WASHINGTON
LINDA ARMSTRONG, OF ARIZONA
AVANI PATEL BALUCI, OF ILLINOIS
NOEL GEOFFREY BAUER, OF MISSOURI
ALLYSON PERRY BEAR, OF MARYLAND
AMY MARIE BEELER, OF CONNECTICUT
ALISON CORAL BIRD, OF NEW YORK
SANDRA SEO YEON BIRD, OF NEW YORK
JULIE L. BOCCANERA, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREW EDWARD BOEGEL, OF FLORIDA
JEREMY D. BOLEY, OF FLORIDA
MARC BONNENFANT, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES BORGER, OF FLORIDA
PATRICK D. BOWERS, OF WASHINGTON
CRYSTAL N. BYRD, OF MARYLAND
ELIZABETH MICHELLE CAMPBELL, OF VIRGINIA
LAURA GOULART CAMPBELL, OF MAINE
MICHAEL FRANCIS CAPOBIANCO, JR., OF FLORIDA
DAWN CHERRIE CARMIN, OF COLORADO

ALISON J. CASE, OF MICHIGAN
JUDY CHANG, OF NORTH CAROLINA
MICHELLE CHEN, OF CALIFORNIA
MARK W. CHILDERHOSE, OF NEW YORK
ZACHARY CRAIG CLARKE, OF IDAHO
LEE COHEN, OF NEW YORK
CHRISTEAN JOSETTE COLE, OF MARYLAND
JOHN M. COLLINS, OF CALIFORNIA
CHAD WILLIAM CONLIN, OF MASSACHUSETTS
EUGENE ALVARO COOPER, OF CALIFORNIA
JESSICA HARPER COULIBALY, OF CONNECTICUT
MATTHEW PATRICK CULLINANE, OF MARYLAND
CHRISTOPHER J. DALY, OF ILLINOIS
CHRISTINE A. DANTON, OF FLORIDA
ADRIANA KRISTEN DAVIS, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTINA T. DAVIS, OF TEXAS
JEFFRIES BLUNT DE GRAFFENRIED, JR., OF FLORIDA
CURTRICE E. DORSEY, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ERIN EPSTEIN DOSS, OF FLORIDA
BRIAN R. ELLIS, OF TEXAS
JENNIFER ERIE, OF MARYLAND
BRANDON E. L. FENLEY, OF VIRGINIA
COREY J. FORTIN, OF KANSAS
KEVIN CHRISTOPHER FOX, OF FLORIDA
MEREDITH ANNE FOX, OF TEXAS
CHRISTOPHER JOHN FREY, OF FLORIDA
IRA JOSEPH FRYDMAN, OF CALIFORNIA
BETHANY KATHARINE GADDIS, OF COLORADO
CONRADO A. GARCIA, OF VIRGINIA
TAYLOR HOWELL GARRETT, OF TEXAS
MARK D. GIZZI, OF CALIFORNIA
DION L. GLISAN, OF OREGON
LISA L. GODWIN, OF ALABAMA
JEAN-MARC GORELICK, OF NEW YORK
JESSE GUTIERREZ, OF CALIFORNIA
TRAVIS RAY GUYMON, OF IDAHO
ALEXANDRA MONTEALEGRE HADZI-VIDANOVIC, OF FLORIDA
MALICK HAIDARA, OF COLORADO
COREY A. HANCOCK, OF FLORIDA
KENNETH WOLF HASSON, OF TEXAS
JESSICA FORREST HEALEY, OF TEXAS
MARY TYLER HOLMES, OF PENNSYLVANIA
ANN HOPPER, OF VIRGINIA
TIMOTHY M. HURLEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MATTHEW LOWELL HUTCHERSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA
STEPHANIE ELISE ICELAND-LEITZEL, OF CALIFORNIA
CHIDINMA U. IKONNE, OF MARYLAND
DEBBIE PATRICE JACKSON, OF PENNSYLVANIA
JUNO LAWRENCE JAFFER, OF VIRGINIA
LEIGH HAMILTON JONES, OF VIRGINIA
M. THOMAS KALUZNY, OF CALIFORNIA
MISCHERE KAWAS, OF FLORIDA
KISHORI KEDLAYA, OF CALIFORNIA
NANCY H. KLEINHANS, OF NEVADA
RYAN D. KNIGHT, OF COLORADO
BYRON C. KOMINEK, OF TENNESSEE
MICHELLE KOSCIELSKI, OF ILLINOIS
CLAUDIA OLIVIA KOZIOL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HARRY THORNTON KRIZ, OF FLORIDA
JOHN KARL KUEHNLE, OF MAINE
KAROLYN KUO, OF CALIFORNIA
AVIVA ESTHER KUTNICK, OF MARYLAND
JANNIE KWOK, OF CALIFORNIA
CARLOS ANDRES LAMADRID, OF CALIFORNIA
SANG E. LEE, OF CALIFORNIA
GREGORY CARL LEON, OF NEW YORK
BRONWYN BOWEN LLEWELLYN, OF NORTH CAROLINA
JAMES G. LYKOS, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
JOHN P. MACY, OF WEST VIRGINIA
SABINA MALIK, OF NEW YORK
LEROY L. MARSHALL III, OF NEW JERSEY
BRIAN MEHLE MARTALUS, OF NEW JERSEY
KEVIN CHESLEY MARTIN, OF GEORGIA
SUSAN MATHEW, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANNA HARRISON MCCREREY, OF VIRGINIA
ANNMARIE MCGILLICUDDY, OF VIRGINIA
JASON EDWARD MCNABB, OF CALIFORNIA
SEAN R. MENDOZA, OF ARIZONA
BELAY ASMAMAW MENGISTU, OF MARYLAND
CHRISTOPHER A. MILLER, OF FLORIDA
KIRA MICKIE MITRE, OF VIRGINIA
MONIQUE MURAD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JENNY PARRY NEVILLE, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL W. NICHOLSON, OF KENTUCKY
DANIELE HENRIETTE NYIRANDUTIYE, OF OHIO
NATHAN A. OLAH, OF VIRGINIA
FOLASADE A. OWOLABI, OF NEW YORK
CHRISTINE PAGEN, OF NEW YORK
ROBERT L. PARNELL IV, OF FLORIDA
LINDA JEANNE PERCY, OF FLORIDA
PAUL MICHAEL PLEVA, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREA M. PLUCKNETT, OF VIRGINIA
MONICA J. PONS, OF CALIFORNIA
CARRIE RASMUSSEN, OF WASHINGTON
ANDREW REESE, OF TEXAS
TARA M. REICHENBACH, OF VIRGINIA
JENNIFER RENQUIST HORSFALL, OF TENNESSEE
ERIN MICHELLE RICCI, OF VIRGINIA
KEVIN PATRICK ROBERTS, OF CALIFORNIA
JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID MARTIN ROGERS, OF CALIFORNIA
EMILY MCCORMICK RUPP, OF VIRGINIA
BRET THOMAS SAALWAECHTER, OF CALIFORNIA
BRENDAN SANDERS, OF MISSOURI
SHANNON MIRIAM SCHISSLER, OF NEW JERSEY
DEREK R. SEDLACEK, OF TEXAS
REBECCA SEMMES, OF TENNESSEE
PAUL AIYONG SEONG, OF VIRGINIA
PALAK VINOD SHAH, OF ILLINOIS
K. PRESTON SHARP, OF CALIFORNIA
MAURICE L. SHINES, OF MARYLAND
GARY SHU, OF NEW JERSEY
ADAM J. SILAGYI, OF FLORIDA
DANIEL SINCLAIR, OF FLORIDA
ERIK M. SINGER, OF TEXAS
B. JAMES SOUKAMNEUTH, OF FLORIDA
CHRISTOPHER NAIRN STEEL, OF NEW JERSEY
MOLLY I. STEINBAUER, OF CALIFORNIA
ERIC REED STRONG, OF CALIFORNIA
ROGER KATTIRATH SYDNEY, OF TEXAS
SOPHIE J. TAINTOR, OF TENNESSEE
DANIELLE TEDESCO, OF DELAWARE
ANANTHY MICHELE THAMBINAYAGAM, OF WASHINGTON
ROD THOMPSON, OF FLORIDA
THEOPHILUS ANDREW THORPE, OF DELAWARE
SUZANNE MARIE TRUCHARD, OF CALIFORNIA
MICHAEL A. TRUEBLOOD, OF VIRGINIA
DANIEL C. VERSCHNEIDER, OF NEW YORK
MICHAEL KWESI VORDJORBE, OF VIRGINIA
EMILY ANN WANN, OF MISSOURI
SHERRY WARD, OF NEVADA
DENNIS MICHAEL WESNER, OF ILLINOIS
SARA A. WESSELS, OF OHIO
KERRY L. WEST, OF ILLINOIS
BRENDAN WHEELER, OF CONNECTICUT
NANCY D. WHITNEY, OF ARIZONA
ANDREW KIRK GERALD WILLIAMS, OF FLORIDA
ANTHONY WOLAK, OF MINNESOTA

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. CHRISTOPHER P. AZZANO

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 10, 2015:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN W. HUBER, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

EILEEN MAURA DECKER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ERIC STEVEN MILLER, OF VERMONT, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.